

**GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,  
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**  
Meeting Minutes – January 4, 2013

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met on Friday, January 4, 2013, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bonnie Barker, LPC, Chair  
Ben P. Marion, CSW, MFT, Vice-Chair  
Tommy Black, LPC  
Jack Perryman, LPC  
William C. Bacon, MFT  
Steve Livingston, MFT  
Robert King, CSW  
Eunice Mixon, Consumer Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Richard Long, MFT  
Tonya Barbee, CSW

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

James Cleghorn, Executive Director  
Tricia Downing, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**GUEST ATTENDEES:**

Jo Abney, President, LPCA  
Gale Macke, LPCA  
Bruce Conn, GAMFT

Bonnie Barker, Chair, established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

**Agenda:**

Black motioned, Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

**Board Chair Report:**

Barker presented the board chair report. She discussed Senator Crane's letter and reiterated that the Board's purpose is to protect the public. Members feel that the Board already sets the minimum standards for licensure. Individual standards committees currently working to streamline applications, update rules and make the process as clear as possible.

**Executive Director's Report:**

Cleghorn provided updated information regarding applications, complaints and processing

**Waiver/Variance Petitions:**

- Nena Dasinger Rybarczyk Rule 135-5-.02 5(i) (ii)

Black motioned, Livingston seconded and the Board voted to deny the waiver on the grounds that the petitioner did not demonstrate that strict application of the rule would create a substantial hardship as defined in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-9.1 (b) (1).

### **Rules Discussion:**

No updates presented.

Livingston motioned, King seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2-(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19 (h) (2) & (4) to receive and review information pertaining to Applications, receive the Attorney General's, Cognizant, and Professional Practice Reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members: Barker, Marion, Black, Perryman, Bacon, Livingston, King and Mixon.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, January 4, 2012, Ms. Barker declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

### **Applications:**

Livingston motioned, Bacon seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following recommendations on the Marriage & Family Therapists applications as reviewed during today's scheduled meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

### **ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAMINATION:**

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| 1. F.B.  | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 2. H.B.  | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 3. R.C.  | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 4. N.C.  | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 5. L.C.  | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 6. L.D.  | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 7. J.M.  | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 8. C.N.  | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 9. A.N.  | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 10. J.V. | Approved to sit for exam                      |

### **MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAMINATION:**

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| 1. E.B. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 2. B.M. | Approved to sit for exam |

King motioned, Perryman seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on the Social Workers applications as reviewed during today's scheduled meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

### **CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS BY EXAMINATION:**

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| 1. J.G. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 2. T.H. | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 3. V.H. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 4. H.H. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 5. I.K. | Approved to sit for exam                      |

6. D.L.	Approved to sit for exam
7. D.M.	Approved to sit for exam
8. T.P.	Pending the receipt of additional information
9. M.P.	Approved to sit for exam
10. M.R.	Approved to sit for exam
11. C.S.	Approved to sit for exam
12. G.W.	Approved to sit for exam
13. R.B.	Approved to sit for exam
14. S.P.	Approved to sit for exam

**CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS BY EXAM WAIVER:**

1. Tiffany Averette-Smith	Approved for licensure
2. R.H.	Pending the receipt of additional information
3. Kimberly Kralicky	Approved for licensure
4. M.M.	Pending the receipt of additional information

**MASTER SOCIAL WORKERS BY EXAMINATION:**

1. A.A.	Approved to sit for exam
2. J.A.	Approved to sit for exam
3. D.A.	Approved to sit for exam
4. K.B.	Approved to sit for exam
5. N.B.	Approved to sit for exam
6. K.B.	Pending the receipt of additional information
7. R.C.	Approved to sit for exam
8. Y.C.	Pending the receipt of additional information
9. K.C.	Approved to sit for exam
10. C.D.	Pending the receipt of additional information
11. A.D.	Approved to sit for exam
12. S.G.	Approved – Pending the receipt of additional information
13. M.H.	Approved to sit for exam
14. A.L.	Request applicant interview
15. J.L.	Approved to sit for exam
16. C.L.	Approved to sit for exam
17. A.L.	Pending the receipt of additional information
18. A.M.	Approved to sit for exam
19. M.M.	Approved to sit for exam
20. M.R.	Approved to sit for exam
21. C.R.	Approved to sit for exam
22. Q.S.	Pending the receipt of additional information
23. C.A.	Approved to sit for exam
24. O.A.	Approved to sit for exam
25. K.B.	Approved to sit for exam
26. L.B.	Approved to sit for exam
27. S.C.	Approved to sit for exam
28. S.C.	Approved to sit for exam
29. T.D.	Approved to sit for exam

30. A.H.	Approved to sit for exam
31. H.J.	Approved to sit for exam
32. I.J.	Approved to sit for exam
33. R.J.	Approved to sit for exam
34. M.K.	Approved to sit for exam
35. A.L.	Pending the receipt of additional information
36. C.L.	Approved to sit for exam
37. J.M.	Approved to sit for exam
38. A.M.	Pending the receipt of additional information
39. E.M.	Approved to sit for exam
40. M.M.	Pending the receipt of additional information
41. N.M.	Approved to sit for exam
42. J.P.	Approved to sit for exam
43. M.R.	Pending the receipt of additional information
44. T.T.	Approved to sit for exam
45. T.T.	Approved to sit for exam

#### **MASTER SOCIAL WORKERS BY EXAM WAIVER:**

1. Mary Vaughan	Approved for licensure
2. Rachel Snell	Approved for licensure
3. Maisha Aza	Approved for licensure
4. Stacey Grimes	Approved for licensure
5. L.G.	Pending the receipt of additional information
6. T.H.	Approved – Pending the receipt of additional information
7. Veronica Simms	Approved for licensure

#### **MASTER SOCIAL WORKERS BY REINSTATEMENT:**

1. D.S.	Approved to sit for exam
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Perryman motioned, King seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on the Professional Counselors applications as reviewed during today's scheduled meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

#### **ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR CONTRACT CHANGES:**

1. Justin Boccuti	Contract changes approved
2. Trisha Brown	Contract changes approved
3. Elizabeth Fava	Contract changes approved
4. Meghan McDonald	Contract changes approved
5. Victoria Speer	Contract changes approved
6. Jennifer Tillery	Contract changes approved
7. Karen Tracy	Contract changes approved
8. Lolita Wiggs	Contract changes approved
9. Alicia Williams	Contract changes approved

#### **ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAMINATION:**

1. Deanna Wall	Approved for licensure
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2. A.A.	Approved to sit for exam
3. V.A.	Approved to sit for exam
4. T.B.	Approved to sit for exam
5. S.C.	Approved to sit for exam
6. S.C.	Pending the receipt of additional information
7. A.C.	Approved to sit for exam
8. K.D.	Pending the receipt of additional information
9. T.H.	Approved to sit for exam
10. D.I.	Pending the receipt of additional information
11. L.K.	Approved to sit for exam
12. T.K.	Pending the receipt of additional information
13. W.O.	Approved to sit for exam
14. S.H.	Approved to sit for exam
15. D.T.	Approved to sit for exam
16. L.W.	Approved to sit for exam
17. T.Y.	Approved to sit for exam
18. M.C.	Denied
19. L.B.	Approved to sit for exam

#### **ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:**

1. Daniela Andronic	Approved for licensure
2. Susan Butler	Approved for licensure
3. Terah Davis	Approved for licensure
4. D'Antoinette Edwards	Approved for licensure
5. Bevin Gracy	Approved for licensure
6. Melanie Graham	Approved for licensure
7. Vera Holloway	Approved for licensure
8. Anissa Howard	Approved for licensure
9. Jacquelyn Jacobs	Approved for licensure
10. Kristin Jain	Approved for licensure
11. S.L.	Pending the receipt of additional information
12. John Moore	Approved for licensure
13. Drenda Rountree	Approved for licensure
14. Tavarous Saint-Louis	Approved for licensure
15. Melissa Simpson	Approved for licensure
16. Kasi Sponhaltz	Approved for licensure
17. Alesha Stanley	Approved for licensure
18. Corey Tanner	Approved for licensure
19. Laura Underwood	Approved for licensure
20. Adrienne Warren	Approved for licensure
21. Kathryn Wueste	Approved for licensure

#### **LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY ENDORSEMENT:**

1. T.M.	Approved – Pending the receipt of additional information
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| 2. Michelle Nirenberg | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 3. K.O.               | Approved – Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 4. O.R.               | Pending the receipt of additional information            |
| 5. K.S.               | Approved – Pending the receipt of additional information |

**LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAMINATION:**

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| 1. L.A.  | Approved to sit for the exam                  |
| 2. A.B.  | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 3. V.B.  | Approved to sit for the exam                  |
| 4. R.B.  | Approved to sit for the exam                  |
| 5. A.B.  | Approved to sit for the exam                  |
| 6. F.D.  | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 7. T.G.  | Approved to sit for the exam                  |
| 8. J.J.  | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 9. J.K.  | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 10. S.S. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 11. T.T. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 12. S.V. | Approved to sit for the exam                  |
| 13. J.W. | Approved to sit for the exam                  |
| 14. S.W. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 15. D.W. | Approved to sit for the exam                  |

**LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:**

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| 1. Elaine Federico      | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 2. L.A.                 | Request applicant interview                              |
| 3. Lasonnia Blunt       | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 4. D.B.                 | Pending the receipt of additional information            |
| 5. Constance Cromartie  | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 6. Anna Ford            | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 7. Charles Fuller       | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 8. Melissa Goldstein    | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 9. Jennifer Harelson    | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 10. Avery Mitchell      | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 11. Soo Hyun Kim        | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 12. Emily Lawery        | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 13. Carol Lewis         | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 14. Aleta McLean        | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 15. S.M.                | Pending the receipt of additional information            |
| 16. Lisset Pickens      | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 17. Sheri Pisaturo      | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 18. Susanne Rea         | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 19. M.R.                | Approved – Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 20. Erin Richardson     | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 21. Ortsegbubemi Uwaifo | Approved for licensure                                   |
| 22. Suzanne Watts       | Approved for licensure                                   |

**LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY REINSTATEMENT:**

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| 1. M.G. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 2. J.P. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 3. W.R. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 4. A.S. | Pending the receipt of additional information |

**Assistant Attorney General's Report:**

No action required.

Bacon joined the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

**Minutes:**

King motioned, Marion seconded and the Board voted to accept the December 7, 2012 Board Meeting minutes.

Mixon motioned, Livingston seconded and the Board voted to accept the December 7, 2012 Board Meeting Executive Session minutes.

**Professional Practices Committee Report:****Complaint Cases Closed:**

- COMP110030, COMP110084, COMP130006, COMP130007,
- COMP130012, COMP130022, COMP130023, COMP130032
- COMP130033, COMP130035, COMP130036, COMP130044

**Complaint Cases: Pending the receipt of additional information:**

- COMP120040-Reschedule for Investigative Interview
- COMP130002-Refer for a Peer Review

Livingston motioned, Mixon seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Professional Practice Committee Report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Christina Cannon, Board Support Specialist
<b>Minutes reviewed and edited by:</b>	James Cleghorn, Executive Director

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Bonnie Barker, Chair

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James Cleghorn, Executive Director

These minutes were approved on: